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S E C R E T GABORONE 1558

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS BC UK  
SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR BOTSWANA

1. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER TURNER TOLD ME JULY 13 THAT GOB HAS  
FINALLY AGREED TO REQUEST A TWO-MAN UK TEAM TO COME TO BOTSWANA  
TO ADVISE THE GOB ON TRAINING AND ORGANIZATION OF BOTSWANA DEFENSE  
FORCE. TURNER REFLECTED HIS GOVERNMENT'S RELIEF AND PLEASURE  
AT GOB REQUEST SAYING IT PROVIDED SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE GOB  
WOULD NOT "TAKE PRECIPITOUS ACTION" IN THE SECURITY FIELD (E.G.,  
TURN SUDDENLY TO COMMUNIST SOURCES) IN THE FACE OF ADMITTEDLY  
DISTURBING RHODESIAN PROVOCATIONS OVER RECENT MONTHS. TURNER  
HOPES UK ADVISERS WILL BE ABLE TO ASSIST GOB IN DEVELOPING A  
"REASONABLE" LIST OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS.

2. HICOM TURNER STRESSED GOB'S "UNDERSTANDABLE  
ANXIETY" THAT UK TEAMS'S PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES IN  
BOTSWANA REMAIN CLOSELY HELD. DETAILED SCHEDULE AND  
FURTHER BACKGROUND ON UK TEAM VISIT WILL BE FORTHCOMING  
BY SEPTTEL. IN PASSING, TURNER CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT  
KHAMA DID NOT ASK TO MEET ON MILITARY SUBJECTS WHILE  
IN UK FOR COMMONWEALTH MEETING NOR DID UK TAKE ANY  
INITIATIVE (GABORONE 1514).  
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